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news release

REPRESENTATIVE DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$2 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY AND WESLACO

For Immediate Release: 15 July 1994

WASHINGTON -- South Texas Congressman Kika de la Garza today announced that Hidalgo County will benefit from nearly \$2 million in federal funding, one a US Department of Housing and Urban Development grant to promote home ownership in the county and the other a grant for infrastructure improvements for Weslaco through the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

"This funding will bring much-needed assistance to the area on two important fronts -- commercial development and home ownership," Rep. de la Garza said. "Both will help with the continued growth of Hidalgo County."

The \$1,757,000 HUD grant to Hidalgo County will be used to promote home ownership through new construction, first-time homebuyer assistance, and owner and rental property moderate rehabilitation.

The \$220,800 EDA grant to the city Weslaco will go toward improvements to serve proposed commercial expansion in the northwest area of the city. Work under this grant will include the construction and installation of water and utilities extensions, and the widening of an access road into the city. The Department of Commerce estimates that the project will create 42 near-term jobs and 1,955 long-term jobs, and will generate \$12.5 million in private investment.

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